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SUBJECT: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

PLEASE PASS TO USDEL/UNCTAD EXPERTS GROUP ON TRANSFER
OF TECHNOLOGY - ALVIN ADAMS

REF: A) USUN 4302, B) USUN 4352

1. IN MEETING BETWEEN COOPER (E) AND COREA, SECRETARY
GENERAL OF UNCTAD, ON NOVEMBER 3, COOPER BRIEFLY RAISED
SUBJECT OF CODE OF CONDUCT ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.
COOPER SAID USG REGARDS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AS IMPORTANT
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TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE
NOTED THAT G-77 AND GROUP B WERE VERY FAR APART ON A
NUMBER OF FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES CONCERNING THE CODE OF
CONDUCT. HE FELT STRONGLY THAT MORE WORK WAS NEEDED TO
REACH COMMON GROUND BEFORE A FULL UN CONFERENCE WAS
CALLED. UNLESS THERE IS SUFFICIENT AGREEMENT ON THE
SUBSTANCE OF THE CODE, COOPER THOUGHT THERE WAS A HIGH

PROBABILITY THE CONFERENCE WOULD FAIL. FAILURE OF THE UN CONFERENCE WOULD HURT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO LDCS, AS WELL AS THE 1979 UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT. COREA SEEMED NOT TO BE AWARE THAT LITTLE PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN NARROWING DIFFERENCES. COOPER ASKED COREA TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND TO REFLECT ON HIS (COOPER'S) OBSERVATIONS. COREA SAID HE WOULD.

2. DECISION IN FIFTH COMMITTEE (REPORTED REFTELS) ON LEAVING DATES OF UN CONFERENCE "TO BE DETERMINED" WAS APPARENTLY BASED IN PART ON WHAT WE BELIEVE IS ERRONEOUS ASSUMPTION THAT PRESENT MEETING OF EXPERT GROUP IS CONSIDERING ISSUE OF ARRANGEMENTS AND TIMING OF UN CONFERENCE. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE ULTIMATE "DETERMINATION" ON THE CONFERENCE TIMING WILL BE MADE BY THE PRESENT UNGA, BY ONE OF ITS COMMITTEES, BY THE JANUARY 1978 MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES, BY THE UNCTAD EXPERT GROUP, OR BY THE SECRETARIAT.

3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, IT MAY BE BEST FOR PRESENT GROUP OF EXPERTS MEETING TO CONSIDER THIS QUESTION AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON CONFERENCE TIMING. BEFORE SUGGESTING THAT THIS BE RAISED, HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS (OR LACK OF PROGRESS) MADE IN FIRST WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ON PRESENT GROUP B FEELING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REGARDING ORIGINAL U.S. PROPOSAL TO HAVE CONFERENCE DATE SET BY 33RD UNGA. DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO WELCOME USDEL'S VIEWS AS TO WHETHER TIMING QUESTION SHOULD BE RAISED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE FULL EXPERT GROUP OR NOT. VANCE

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